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CONTINUATION OF QUANTITATIVE RESTRICTIONS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Karnataka Government has requested curbs on silk and arecanut import;

(b) if so, whether the Government have taken a decision re-imposition or continuation of Quantitative Restrictions on certain items such as mulberry and raw silk, arecanut and edible oil; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN)

(a) Yes, sir.

(b)&(c) Import restrictions are being removed as part of economic liberalization programme of the Government and also in terms of our International obligations. Thus import restriction on these items may not be reimposed. However, protection to the domestic producers can be provided through appropriate use of tariff mechanism. Based on various representations received, the import duty on arecanut has been raised from 35% to 100%. Similarly the import duties on various edible oils has been revised upwards twice since June, 2000. These measures should help in containing imports.